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(57) **Abstract:** A method for producing a material having z-direction waves in which a layer of continuous fibers is conveyed on a first moving surface into a nip formed by the first moving surface and a second moving surface which is travelling at a slower speed than the first moving surface, resulting in formation of a plurality of z-direction loops in the fibers giving loft to the material and a wave pattern producing ridges on both major surfaces of the resultant nonwoven web. The method permits easy real time adjustment of manufacturing parameters to produce a variety of materials. The method further produces lofty nonwovens at a commercially viable rate.

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**AMENDED CLAIMS**

[received by the International Bureau on 24 October 2000 (24.10.00);  
original claims 25-38 cancelled; remaining claims unchanged (1 page)]

39. A personal care absorbent article comprising:  
a nonwoven web comprising a plurality of substantially continuous fibers having a z-direction  
orientation and forming a plurality of ridges on both surfaces of the nonwoven web.

**STATEMENT UNDER ARTICLE 19(1)**

Claims 1-24 and 39-42 of the subject application remain the same, as originally filed. Applicant requests the cancelation of Claims 25-38. Replacement page 17 is enclosed.

No new matter has been added to this application.